

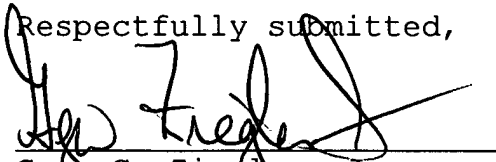
III. REMARKS

1. Claim 1 is cancelled without prejudice. Claims 2-9 are amended.
2. Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication of the allowance of claim 2. Claim 1 is cancelled and the dependencies of the remaining claims are changed to depend from claim 2. Accordingly, claims 3-9 should also be allowable.
3. Claims 2-9 are amended to correct the antecedent basis errors, grammatical errors and delete reference numerals as requested by the Examiner. The changes do not further limit or narrow the scope of the claims.

For all of the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims now present in the application are clearly novel and patentable over the prior art of record, and are in proper form for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested. Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

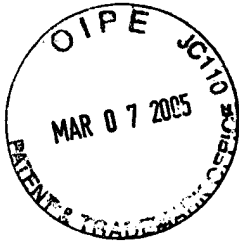
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